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State Water Resources Control Board

## Agricultural Expert Panel Meeting #8

**Wednesday August 20, 2014 – 9:00 AM**  
Irrigation Training and Research Center  
California Polytechnic State University, SLO  
1 Grand Ave, Building 08A, Room 022  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

THIS MEETING IS A CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CHAPTER 1 OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2008 (SBX2 1, PERATA) REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE – RECOMMENDATION 14, EXPERT PANEL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMATION. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE EXPERT PANEL. A QUORUM OF STATE WATER BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE, BUT NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

### AGENDA

- I. Call the meeting to order**
- II. Declaration of a quorum**  
Dr. Charles Burt, Panel Chair; Dr. Robert Hutmacher; Till Angermann; Bill Brush; Daniel Munk; James duBois; Mark McKean; Dr. Lowell Zelinski
- III. Housekeeping announcements**
- IV. Panel introduction and opening remarks by panel members**
- V. Review Agenda**
- VI. Public Comments** (Any member of the public may present comments or remarks to the Panel. Commenters will be limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair. Commenters will be asked to fill out a speaker card if they wished to be called to speak.)
- VII. Panel discussion of public comments on draft report and potential revisions to draft report**
- VIII. Adjournment**

## **Background**

Chapter 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2008 (SBX2 1, Perata), required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop pilot projects focusing on nitrate in groundwater in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley, and to submit a report to the Legislature on the scope and findings of the pilot projects, including recommendations. The State Water Board made 15 recommendations in 4 key areas to address the issues associated with nitrate contaminated groundwater. The key areas to address these issues are:

1. Providing safe drinking water.
2. Monitoring, notification, and assessment.
3. Nitrogen tracking and reporting.
4. Protecting groundwater.

## **Expert Panel**

Recommendation 14 of the State Water Board's report to the Legislature was to convene a panel of experts to assess existing agricultural nitrate control programs and develop recommendations, as needed, to ensure that ongoing efforts are protective of groundwater supply quality. The State Water Board has contracted with the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), a center established within the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to assemble the expert panel of 8 persons. The Expert Panel members have been selected and presented with questions for their consideration. Information about the panel members and their charge is available on the ITRC website at <http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm>.

## **Project Tools and Information**

Project information, including meeting notices, agendas, meeting minutes, and other pertinent material/documents will be posted online at <http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm> and at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/agriculture/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/).

To receive updates by email, please subscribe to our email list: Nitrate Project - SBX2 1 - Expert Panel. (Located in the "Water Quality Topics" section at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).)

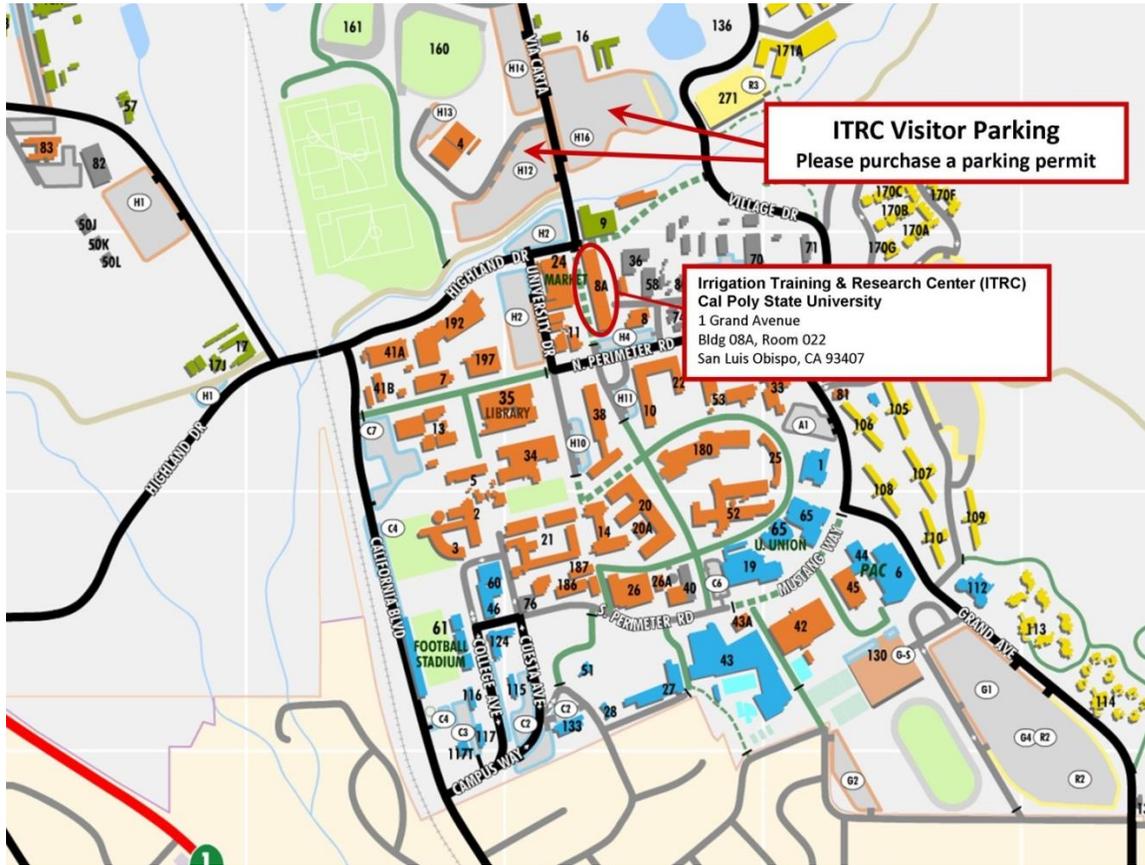
Please direct any questions about this agenda to Johnny Gonzales at (916) 341-5510 or Ashley Zellmer at (916) 341-5911.

**Schedule** (some dates may be changed at a later date and all changes will be noticed).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<del>March 10th, 2014</del> Completed	Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting	Cal/EPA Building Sierra Hearing Room, Sacramento
<del>May 5th-6th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Public Meeting #1	San Luis Obispo 5th: Irrigation Training and Research Center 6th: Monday Club
<del>May 7th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Public Meeting #2	SCE Energy Education Center, Tulare
<del>May 9th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Public Meeting #3	Cal/EPA Building Byron Sher Auditorium, Sacramento
<del>June 9th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Meeting #4	Irrigation Training and Research Center, San Luis Obispo
<del>June 23th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Meeting #5	Meeting Location: Irrigation Training and Research Center, San Luis Obispo Teleconference Location: Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Woodland
<del>July 1st, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Meeting #6	Irrigation Training and Research Center, San Luis Obispo
<del>July 7th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Draft Report Released	N/A
<del>July 7th – August 7th, 2014</del> Completed	Public Comment Period on Expert Panel Draft Report	N/A
<del>July 18th, 2014</del> Completed	Expert Panel Public Meeting #7 on Draft Report	Cal/EPA Building Byron Sher Auditorium, Sacramento
<del>July 28th, 2014</del> Completed	Advisory Committee Meeting	Cal/EPA Building Sierra Hearing Room, Sacramento
August 20th, 2014	Expert Panel Meeting #8	Irrigation Training and Research Center, San Luis Obispo
September 23rd, 2014	Expert Panel presents Final Report at Board Meeting	Cal/EPA Building Coastal Hearing Room, Sacramento

## Expert Panel Meeting Location Map

Irrigation Training and Research Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



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